

Thursday

Hi Vicki and Jim,

How are you two these days? Really fine I hope - just read your last letter and was sort of shocked to see it's been so long - Guess we've been busy or pre-occupied. Dad's been having fun (?) with the County planning commission & Building permit Division - they caught up with us finally and informed us we were deficient in building permits - having two only to remodel the barn - which they said didn't cover making a residence out of a portion of it - So-o



we've been moving in that direction
 They sent us a letter saying we
 had to submit complete drawings
 etc & of course pay double for
 all fees since it was "after
 the fact" - Well, so be it, but
 the inspector had loads of
 ideas that have to be added -
 such as more insulation under
 the floor & around the perimeter
 building a wall around the furnace
 so it won't "waste" energy &
 ripping out the utility ^{room} window
 because it opens into an area
 where machinery may be running -
Carbon Monoxide - Also
 I think he will make
 us close up the lower
 window in the front
 upstairs ^{bedroom} ~~bedroom~~ (same
 reason) - and the
 biggest chore - We have to



provide a fire escape from the sleeping area upstairs - through a window - So the only acceptable way was to remove the existing window in the east bedroom - make a sort of escape deck on the roof and put in a larger window - So that's done now anyway - it does make a nice window over a view out into the orchard - and a dandy place for grand-children to climb out onto the roof! So eventually we will hope to pass final inspection - Should have applied for the permit before he even touched the upstairs or before that - But he could hardly draw complete plans before working out problems as he came to them - oh well -



Back to your letter - It would be wonderful for you two to move back this way and be around during harvest, etc., but I don't think you're ready for such a change yet - there are too many things and opportunities where you are to think of it yet -

Has Jim gone to Turkey yet? That will be an interesting trip I imagine - you'll have to tell us about it when he returns - And did you get up into Quebec to see the autumn coloring, etc?

We went to Medford over my Columbus Day holiday - Had a beautiful drive - the leaves are getting beautiful - and it was fun seeing them and this new home -



Kevin is walking quite a bit

now and trying to talk - Sure
 is a sweetie - Debbie gave us
 a 10 month picture - 5x7 - &
 a wallet size for you, which
 am enclosing - Ken was filling
 in their back yard & had rented
 a tractor to work it up while
 we were there - Has seeded it
 since - they like Medford quite
 well & he enjoys his job -
 Hasn't had to work overly hard
 yet - Not enough cement to push.

Jerry was out for dinner one
 evening this week - His union
 is out on strike - as are other
 grocery warehousemen &
 truck drivers pretty
 well over the state -
 Hope they get it settled
 soon -

We're staying home
 from Sp. Dance class
 tonight because Dad has a terrific



cold - He didn't catch mine
or Francis's or Jerry's a couple
weeks ago but had to get
his very own!

Hope you can read all my
scribbling - Once I get started
I can't stop -

Write real soon and fill
us in on what's happening -
We love you -

Mom & Dad.